



April 22, 2015

The Honorable Michael McCaul
Chairman
House Committee on Homeland Security
H2-176 Ford House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Ratcliffe
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure
Protection and Security Technologies
H2-176 Ford House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul and Chairman Ratcliffe:

On behalf of the Security Industry Association (SIA), I would like to express our strong support for H.R. 1731, the National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act. SIA represents more than 550 companies that develop, manufacture and integrate IP-enabled electronic physical security solutions vital to securing our nation's critical infrastructure.

H.R. 1731 would remove a significant barrier to voluntary information sharing and allow collaborative efforts between the public and private sectors to defend against cyber-attacks. Clear and timely communication between the technology sector and the government is essential to addressing this threat as cyber-attacks grow and technology constantly evolves.

SIA has long supported and promoted industry practices that protect against unauthorized disclosure of personally identifiable information. H.R. 1731 includes a number of safeguards to prevent disclosure of personal information and ensure any sharing of data under the bill's provisions is solely for the purpose of mitigating cybersecurity risk. SIA also supports the use of cryptographic standards and other cyber-security product features that help secure transmission and storage of data used by security technology.

SIA and its members stand ready to serve as a resource to you as you continue work on this critical issue. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Erickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Don" and last name "Erickson" clearly legible.

Don Erickson
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